



HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT

Susana Martinez, Governor  
Brent Earnest, Secretary  
Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Nancy Smith-Leslie, Director *KLA for NSL*

DATE: August 22, 2018

RE: **NM.0173.R06.00 Developmental Disabilities Waiver Amendment and Fee Schedule**

The State of New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) through the Medical Assistance Division (MAD) is accepting written and recorded comments for a period of 30 calendar days ending Monday, September 24, 2018 regarding the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) 1915 (c) Waiver amendment.

The purpose of this amendment to the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) is to update the estimated number of individuals to be served under the waiver and to implement a provider rate adjustment effective January 1, 2019. The State intends to submit this amendment application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in October 2018.

The key components of proposed changes under this waiver amendment are as follows:

1. Update the number of participants projected to be served in the waiver program.

<b>DDW NM.0173.R06 Unduplicated Number of Participants (UDR)</b>	
<b>Waiver Year</b>	<b>UDR</b>
Year 1 (State Fiscal Year 2017)	4618
Year 2 (State Fiscal Year 2018)	4834
Year 3 (State Fiscal Year 2019)	3564
Year 4 (State Fiscal Year 2020)	3679
Year 5 (State Fiscal Year 2021)	3810

**Impact:** *HSD does not anticipate a service or financial impact to participants currently receiving services under approved Individual Service Plans/budgets or to their healthcare providers.*

2. In response to stakeholder feedback during the 2018 NM legislative session, implement a 2% rate adjustment, effective January 1, 2019. The rate adjustment will provide additional funding for the current waiver provider system. Rates for Behavioral Support Consultation, Case Management, Community Integrated Employment Services, Customized Community Supports, Customized In-Home Supports, Crisis Supports, Living Supports, Nutritional Counseling,

Preliminary Risk Screening and Consultation Related to Inappropriate Sexual Behavior, Adult Nursing, Respite, Supplemental Dental Care, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech, Language Pathology will be increased.

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**Impact:** *HSD anticipates a positive financial impact to DDW service providers.*

The draft waiver renewal application and proposed fee schedule is available on the HSD webpage at: <http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/public-notices-proposed-rule-and-waiver-changes-and-opportunities-to-comment.aspx>.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on **Monday, September 24, 2018**. Comments may be submitted as follows:

By mail to:

Annabelle Martinez, Human Services Department  
Medical Assistance Division  
Exempt Services & Programs Bureau  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

Recorded messages may be left at:

(505) 476-7251

Emails may be directed to:

[madrules@state.nm.us](mailto:madrules@state.nm.us)

- A public hearing for HSD to accept comments on the DDW amendment is scheduled to be held from **10:00 am to 11:00 am on Monday, September 24, 2018 at the Toney Anaya Building, Rio Grande Room (2nd Floor), 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.**
- All public comments and HSD responses will be compiled and posted on the HSD website following the public hearing.

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